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Wm Lloyd Garrison;

Dear friend;

At the last meeting of our Ex. Com. we discussed at some length the question of a removal of the Bugle from its present location, to a more commanding position.

The Com. being strongly inclined to the opinion that such removal is desirable, if practicable, the question arose as to whether Cincinnati would not be, on many accounts, a better location than Cleveland. Several members of the Ex. Com. are of opinion that it would be so. We have been written to by earnest friends of the paper at Cincinnati, who have the *ability* as well as the *will* to aid the Anti slavery cause, suggesting, and strongly advising, a removal of the Bugle to that city. True there is less Anti Slavery feeling at Cincinnati than at Cleveland; but that feeling at the latter place is intirely directed by Free Democratic leadership; and under such influence it is little better than *pro-slavery* so far as its effects upon our movement are concerned, as I doubt not your own experience will attest, It is more rational to hope for assistance for a paper like the Bugle from liberal Whigs and Democrats than from partizan Free Soilers,

At Cincinnati there is no paper advocating any phase of Anti Slavery, while there are many people there, who have at least *some* interest in the cause, and might be more fully enlisted. The same is true with Southern Ohio generally.

These are the considerations suggested by those who are in favor of Cincinnati, rather than Cleveland as the point from which to issue the paper. It is also thought that Cincinnati, though not so accessible to Michigan as Cleveland, is much more so than Salem. With the reasons in favor of Cleveland you are acquainted.

Will you at your *earliest* convenience write to us giving your views on the subject?

Respectfully James Barnaby